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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 143

Part B for October 1921

SUBJECT.

Balance due to the Electricat
Department from the Mysore
City Municipality

To the Chairman Mysore City
Municipal Board
No L24 38 dt 26-10-21.

Encls- Hall. It charges referred
to should be accepted by the
Municipal Board and arrangements made
for their early
payment.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Balance due to the Electrical Department from the Mysore City Municipality—

FROM

The President, City Municipal Council Mysore.

No. 141 Dated 7th June 1921 Received 9th June 1921

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwarding the Copy of letter no 1493 dated 27th May 1921 from the Chief Electrical Engr with the earlier Connl relating to the subject stating that the Municipal Council feel strongly at the high hand and exceptional breach of the Chief Electrical Engineer convey threats and urge upon the Govt to kindly have necessary instructions issued immediately that such embarrassing and discourteous threats are not held out to the Deputy

NOTES AND ORDERS

1) Subs for orders

2) Pending the adjustment of the accounts the M.C. President wants that the lights should not be interfered with

Notes—First Sheet.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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You will note that the report of the Special Committee was the cause of the appeal to Council before Council

This has proposed to be dealt with on the D Pr Secy -
For orders -

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3) The subject of adjustment of water supply and lighting charges in the Bangalore & Mysore Cities, with the report of the Special Committee, ~~appointed~~ is pending consideration in Council. The papers are said to be with the Chief Secy in Camp

4) A communication to the Chief Electrical Engineer, thro' the Chief Engineer to take any action as indicated by him, pending the orders of Govt may be necessary

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Chief Engineer

I understand there was a meeting of complainants. The two persons seen - Mr

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Respondent saw me just now & left with me the papers in the file below & attached ribbon proposal

Dewan) Draft Approved by the Dewan
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To The Chief Electrical Engineer to Mysore
D O No 2360/C B dated 12th June 1920
In sending him attached for communication
received from the President Mysore City Municipal
Council requesting that no action as he may contemplate
in his letter be taken in respect of illuminations during
the festivities connected with His Highness Birthday — to
and directs him to comply with the request of the
President in that and sending a deposit of the estimated
amounts for in respect of illuminations to Clock tower &c
From The Chief Electrical Engineer to Mysore.
D O 958 dated 13 6 20 (Telephone message)
Acknowledges receipt of the D o (81 ) and
states that the Comptroller takes credit Rs 4000 to the
deny outstanding arrears as it is felt that the
Municipality take advantage of the fact that
Mysore is His Highness Capital to defer payments &c
and assumes that no interruption to the lighting service
would be done during the festivities
From The Chief Government

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No 35 dated 10/12 June 1920
In forwarding for information a copy of the letter No 2961
dated 27 5 1920 from the Chief Electrical Engineer on the
matter of adjustment of certain alleged dues
by the Town Board Mysore together with a copy of
his reply thereto requesting that he may issue such orders as
they may deem fit in the matter

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Kind attention is invited to para 3 Subs for orders

Hon Speaker and the Chairman Labour Board will be enlightened by the decision on the points before Council. Has this letter to be returned? Hon 23/7

Hill 23/7

The question pending in council will not help the solution of the points in dispute between the Trust Bd and the Electrical Dept as it relates to the responsibility of the Municipal council and not the Trust Board in regard to water Supply and lighting charges. The claim of the Electrical Dept for certain works executed is not admitted by the Trust Board and certain discrepancies pointed by the chairman require further reconciliation and explanation for the satisfaction of the Board. A solution of the question will be facilitated if the comptroller is requested to inspect the accounts and investigate the claim and make a report after hearing the objections of the chairman. For this purpose the file may

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This will be done, if approved

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D.O No 16
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Forwarded with compliments to the Comptroller for favour of a report.

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U O No 222/WAD I dated 30th September 1921
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The chief point of difference between the Chair and the Chief Electrical Engineer arises in regard to items 1 to 3 in the comparative statement forwarded the Chairman The Board contends that the works wer not ordered at its instance, while the Electrical De partment states that the works have been undertaker the distinct understanding that the cost was debit le to

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to the Board Vide extract of Chief Electrical Enginee letter attached The Chairman should be asked to accept the bills, if he has nothing further to urge in the matter

2 There are no differences as regards items 4, 6, 8 and 9, and the Chief Electrical Engineer reports that the omission of item 7 in his statement of September 1920 is a mistake and has been rectified in a later statement sent on 27-6-21 The only item left over is item 5, on which there is a small difference and the Chairman could very well settle it himself with the Chief Electrical Engineer

3 It is a pity that in a matter like this, the correspondence should have been allowed by the Departments, to develope to such proportions when the sole question to be decided was the authority for carrying out the three works mentioned in para 1 above

Offg Comptroller

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Copy of letter No 5588 dated 15th September 1921, from the Chief Electrical Engineer, Mysore Government, to the Comptroller in Mysore

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With reference to your No 184/483 WAD I dated 12-9-21, I have the honor to note below the authority under which certain works referred to were carried out for the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board -

1 Extending the High tension underground cable from Statue Square to Dufferin Fountain and west Fort Gate to Curzon Park and the installation of 18 ornamental lamps

The Government in sanctioning the estimate for Rs8,255/- for the above work have ordered in P W Secretary's No 934/C P S dated 26th October 1917, that the cost should be transferred to the Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board Mysore, for adjustment That the cost is debitable to the Trust Board has been communicated to the Chairman in Chief Electrical Engineer's No 623 of the 27th January '17

2 Extending the High tension underground cable from West Fort Gate to Sanskrit College and the installation of 20 ornamental lights

In returning the estimate for R14,032/- for the above work, the Chairman City Improvement Trust Board, has clearly stated in his letter No 180-M 114/C 409 of 17-18, dated 20-8-'17, that the bill of costs may be forwarded to his office after completion of the work for payment

3 Deviating the local power line, No 3 incandescent circuit telephone lines and so forth from West Fort Gate to Sanskrit College

The work was undertaken as per estimate for Rs415/- countersigned by the Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board, in his No 122-M 54 & 34 of 19-20, dated 6-3-1919

2 The work referred to in para 2 of your letter was wrongly included

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included in the list of works carried out for the Mysore City Municipality and modified list in which this amount is included has since been sent to the Trust Board with this office No.3683 of 27-6-1921

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Superintendent, Records Section,
Comptroller's Office.

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3 To the Chairman

Mysore Cotton Depot Co

Ltd's 2638 dt 26/10/21

Directors read the charges referred to & be accepted by the Trust Board & arrangements made for their early payment.

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No 141
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Urgent-

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MYSORE
*Dated* 7th June 1921

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FROM,
RAJASABHABHUSHANA DIWAN BAHADUR
C SRIKANTESVARA AIYAR B A B L,
PRESIDENT, CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MYSORE

To
B. Ramaswamaiya, Esquire B A, B L
Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore Revenue Department

DN-9848
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SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of letter No 2993 dated 27th May 1921 from the Chief Electrical Engineer and my reply thereto together with their enclosures which speak for themselves and to state that the Municipal Council feel strongly at the high tone and exceptional threat of the Chief Electrical Engineer that unless an amount of Rs 7 011-7-9 said to be due to the Electric Department is paid by the 15th instant on the eve of His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday festivities the lights will be left disconnected until the amount is paid The Municipal Council therefore respectfully urge upon the Government to kindly have necessary instructions issued immediately that such embarassing and discourteous threats are not held out to other Departments, while it should be the end and aim of all in Public-utility--services to work cheerfully and in perfect co-operation and harmony with each other for the commonweal of the people

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servant,
President

Letter No 2993 dated 27th May 1921 , from the Chief Electrical Engineer, to the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore

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I have the honour to attach herewith a statement of the account of the Mysore City Municipality with the Electrical Department, which shows the balance due to the Electrical Department as Rs 7,011-7-9

2 Some of these items have been outstanding for a very long time, and I would greatly appreciate your sending a Cheque to the Superintendent Mysore Power and Lighting immediately in payment of the full amount Against some of the works that have been carried out by us there are unexpended balances which I have instructed the Superintendent to credit against the amount due by the Municipality leaving the above total balance

3 Further I have instructed the Superintendent Mysore Power and Lighting, that under no circumstances is he to carry out or execute any works in the future to the Municipality unless the Municipality have deposited with him the full amount of the estimate In thecase of the items due to the Electrical Department for the supply of electrical energy I wish to inform you that unless the amounts are paid by the 15th of June the lights will be left disconnected until the amount is paid I am forced to do this on account of the Comptroller taking audit objection to the non-collection of the revenue dues This has been going on so long that Government have taken very severe notice of the state of the account with the Municipality, and have expressed themselves in such strong language that I have no other alternative except to resort to the one method by which I can be sure of the collection of the bills, ie by cutting off the service

4 During the past 4 or 5 years, the Electrical Department has spared no pains or energy or expenses in complying with the request of the Municipality in securing a reasonably suitable and adequate illuminating service for the City streets, and I feel by the non-payment of the amount due to the department that our efforts are not appreciated and I will have to take proper precautions in the future to prevent the adverse criticisms of the Comptroller and of Government

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Copy

Letter No 1058 dated 1/6th June 1921, from the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, to the Chief Electrical Engineer, Bangalore

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I am to own receipt of your letter No 2993 dated 27th May 1921 forwarding a statement of account of the Electric Department with the Mysore City Municipal Council and informing that unless the amounts (Rs 7011-7-9) alleged to be due to the Department "are paid by the 15th of June 1921, the lights will be left disconnected until the amount is paid" etc , and to exchange in return, a correct statement of accounts as per books of the City Municipal Council showing the amounts advanced from time to time for several works ordered by the Council, for all of which, without exception, estimates were duly prepared by the Superintendent Power & Light, Mysore, and the requisite funds as asked for by him were pre-deposited with him, subject to adjustment on submission of final bills, and to state as follows—

2 Regarding items Nos 11 12 & 13 in your statement for Rs 6,784-12-7 for deviating Belagola incandescent and Telephone Lines from Sayaji Rao Road and Old Post Office Road, and Rs 3,876-9-9 for cost of energy supplied to light fittings in the Hardinge Circle, I have only to request a reperusal of my D O to you dated the 14th June 1920 and to say that I have nothing more to add to it as the Government, who appointed a Special Committee, as therein referred to for investigating such and similar charges have not as yet passed final orders on the report

* How this figure is arrived at is not known, against Rs 12,300 appearing in the whole correspondence on this subject

submitted by that Committee You are doubtless not unaware of how these very items, which gave rise to the appointment of this Committee also formed specific subjects of discussion at that Special Committee meeting, presided over by Mr P Raghavendra Rao, Member of Council, and how I repeated thereat, that while the cost of deviating the lines was hardly a Municipal charge the higher rates for Hardinge Circle lights were prohibitive and utterly beyond the scope of the Municipal finances, that they were, besides works not only not sanctioned by the Municipal Council but were those undertaken without so much as even a consultation with them, and that in consequence there was difficulty to meet those unauthorized charges How my representa--tions were received are also not unknown to you Nothing has transpired since then

3 As for the other items mentioned in the two statements-

(i) apparently, items Nos 3 & 8 in the statement forwarded by you (which is marked A for facility of reference) comprise the items of advances amounting to Rs 10,451 as per items 2, 3, 4 & 5 in our statement, marked B,

(ii) items 1 4 & 7 in A correspond to advance items Nos 1, 7 & 6 in B, aggregating Rs 973,

(iii) item Nos 6 for Rs 75 in A is the advance, from funds allotted by Government for Viceregal expenses, as per Superintendent's requisition for getting up a 'Good bye' board for the

Railway Station Gate on the occasion of the departure of His Excellency the Viceroy Lord Chelmsford in December 1919, which still stands unadjusted though the accounts of the Viceregal charges were closed and sent to the Comptroller long ago

(iv) items Nos 2 & 5 for Rs2,478 in A do not relate to the transactions of the Municipal Council, who have neither asked for any such works nor have advanced any amount These are obviously erroneous entries against them, and

(v) likewise, is the erroneous omission of a sum of Rs400 (item No 8 in B) advanced to the Superintendent on his requisition, so far back as 5th October 1920, which does not find an entry in your statement

4 The net result is, that out of an amount of Rs11,899, inclusive of the advance of Rs75 from Viceregal reception funds, pre-deposited by the Municipal Council with the Superintendent for several works ordered by them from time to time, as estimated and asked for by him, there still remains, as per figures given in Col 5 of your statement A, a sum of Rs2,271-10-7 to the credit of the Municipal Council with the Electric Department, against which the trifling sum of Rs580-12-7, (items Nos 9 & 10 in A) has to be adjusted, and this is pending disposal owing to the Superintendent not having met me or explained matters,

as requested in my D O dated 4th October 1920 (copy enclosed).

5. Thus it is clear that no amounts due to the Electric Department have ever been held back by the Municipality, on the contrary it is the Electric Department that have yet to furnish final bills for the several completed works, which they have not done in spite of repeated reminders These advances have not been adjusted, and the unspent balances which as shown above amounts to Rs 2,271-10-7 minus Rs 580-12-7, or Rs 1,690-14-0 have not yet been returned to the Municipality which may now be kindly done along with the final bills Retention of such sums over long periods for 2 to 3 years cannot but be disadvantageous to the Municipality, especially when its small finances are taken into consideration Owing to such failure on the part of Electric Department it has not been possible to verify the actual balances due to the Municipality or to get them adjusted against the various amounts pre-deposited with the Superintendent Each and every time any work was ordered by the Municipality, advances have been made invariably on excessive or over-estimates— varying from 12%, 15% to 87% in excess of actual requirements— furnished by the Superintendent as are transparent from the comparative figures of such pre-deposits and unspent balances given in Cols 3 & 5 of your statement A All these advances are being shown as unadjusted advances in the Municipal Accounts against the Electric Department The mixing up of items unconnected with the Municipality, omitting items relating to it, and making adjustments, as they please, out of the balances due to the Municipality have had no concern contrary to the ordinary Rules of Office procedure, not to speak of the confusion in the

accounts, have not rendered the Government Auditors' task any the less easy nor the Comptroller's criticisms of the Municipal accounts any the more agreeable The Comptroller has merely been doing his legitimate duty, not sparing the Municipal Council either, to bring about a reconciliation and adjustment of accounts between several Departments, but his objections, nevertheless have so far remains unanswered owing to the non-compliance by the Superintendent to furnish final bills even up to date No wonder, then, there should be the Comptroller's audit objections if the state of accounts were such as the letter under advertence and the statement of accounts received therewith disclose

6 Further, it is significant that in your statement, there is not a single instance in which the requisition of the Electric Department, as per estimates prepared by them for works sanctioned by the Municipal Council, has not been promptly complied with nor there has been a pie of arrears, for any services rendered to the Municipality or energy supplied to sanctioned street lights These stand out eloquently and in bold relief It is needless to recapitulate that the Municipal Council have no power under Statutory Regulations to undertake or order any works without previously providing funds or without sanction of Government for such as need their approval

7 Such being the real state of facts, the intimation that you 'have instructed the Superintendent Mysore Power & Lighting, that under no circumstances is he to carry out or execute any works in the future to the Municipality unless the Municipality have deposited with him the full amount of the estimate' would seem to be as uncalled for as inappropriate

Underlining mine

but coming as it does from the responsible Head of an important Department of Government, the Municipal are content merely to refer it to Government for insisting upon a spirit of sympathy, co-operation and harmony, necessary in all Public-Service Departments, to ensure an efficient Municipal administration at the Capital of theState where all Services have to join and work as a whole for the commonweal of the City

8 The complaint, in the concluding paragraph of your letter consists of two parts— (i) that during the past 4 or 5 years the Electric Department have spared no pains or energy or expense in complying with the request of the Municipality in securing a reasonably suitable and adequate illuminating service for the City streets', and (ii) that by the non-payment of the amount due to the department their efforts are not appreciated The Municipal Council emphatically demur to the fiction of non-payment, as demonstrated in the foregoing paragraphs The 1st part represents one side There is the other side of the picture, the peoples' view, which I had not intended for the time to distress you with or to worry the Government ever again The scant attention to their repeated representations, non-burning of several lights sometimes whole areas without a single light throughout nights, non-providing the extra lights ordered by Government, (only 192 out of 342 lights ordered so far back as May 1919 having been installed), and continuity of their sufferings unattenuated, these form the constant burden of their complaints, and the poor unsophisticated sufferer, in his exasperation is unable to underestimate his troubles and grievances and muse himself with the aesthetic effects of the

City illumination at the liberal provision graciously made by Government in the Electric Department Budget, which only reuses his jealousy, and sharpens the edge of his own misery. Both these aspects, are foreign to the subject of adjustment of accounts but are only incidentally re - -ferred to, as one side of it finds place in your communication

9 Lastly, the Municipal Council feel constrained to take strong exception to the threat held out by you that " the lights will be left disconnected" till the alleged amount based on such incorrect statement and mixed up accounts is paid This is not the first time that such a threat has been held out The novel idea of punishing, as a drastic remedy against Comptroller's adverse criticisms, the people of the City, who are the paymasters and for whose benefit the several Public-Service Departments including the Municipal Council exist, for departmental differences and errors of servants, which should all be settled by reference to Government, were humourous but for the tragic effect it may produce, as in an erratic incident, on a small scale it once did occur, when in September last, during your absence, the lights in the Hardinge Circle were unceremoniously and without the least notice actually cut off (vide copy of Memo dated 4th September 1920 to the Chief Electrical Engineer, forwarding copy of this Office letter No 26 of even date to the Government, enclosed for ready reference) and out of due deference to your locum-tenens Mr S D Sheshadri Iyengar, who with greatest promptitude and courtesy restored the lights, the Municipal Council did not press the Government for a

ruling to render such acts in future absolutely impossible and similar threats innocuous Now that the threat is repeated, also just at the time of the national rejoicing, the festivities of His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday, the Municipal Council feel they have no alternative but to submit the entire correspondence to Government for such action as they deem fit to take.

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Statement shewing the amounts advanced from time to time to the Superintendent, Power & Light Mysore, for several works

| No. | Items | Amount advanced Rs | As | P | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 4 |
| 1 | Rectifying defects in Town Hall compound lights | 125 | 0 | 0 | Advanced as per requisition of Power & Light Superintendent's letter No 1427 dated 13th August 1918 |
| 2 | Clock Tower and Town Hall Illumination | 3,424 | 0 | 0 | Advance of Rs 4,000 sent with this Office letter No 152 dated 13th August 1918 |
| | | 4,272 | 0 | 0 | Further advance of Rs 4,863 sent with this Office letter No 547 dated 29th November 1918 |
| 3 | Banni Mantap road lighting | 1,167 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 | Overhauling Clock Tower & Town Hall during Birthday (1919) | 788 | 0 | 0 | Advanced again as per his requisition No 1180 dated 11th May 1919 with this Office letter No 1420 dated 26th May 1919 |
| 5 | " for Dasara (1919) | 800 | 0 | 0 | " No 1875 dated 13-8-1919 " " 215 dated 10-9-19 |
| 6 | " Birthday (1920) | 309 | 0 | 0 | " No 115 dated 13-5 1920 " " 997 dated 18-5-20 |
| 7 | Installing lightning conductor to Clock Tower | 539 | 0 | 0 | " with this Office letter No 182 dated 30th August 1919 |
| 8 | Rectifying Town Hall inner lights | 400 | 0 | 0 | " on 6th October 1920, with this Office letter No 293 dated 5th October 1920 |
| | Total | 11,824 | 0 | 0 | |

Copy of President's D O dated 4th October 1920 to the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Light

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I have been looking forward to see you for sometime but have not been able to do so

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I send enclosed certain references for ready reference on which I should like to discuss with you before coming to a settlement As all of these are urgent I shall feel obliged for your kindly looking me in a moment whenever you find it convenient to do so

*1 Letter No 2591 dated 28th September 1920 re Town Hall and Clock Tower Illuminations

2 Letter No 2621 dated 30th September 1920 re Railway Station gate lights.

3 Letter No 2479 dated 10th September 1920 re lights on gate pillers of Erangere Ookad

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No. 26

Office of the President,
City Municipal Council, Mysore
4th September 1920

From

Rajasabhabhushana, Diwan Bahadur,
G. Srikantesvara Aiyar, B A., B L.,
President, City Municipal Council,
Mysore

To

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esquire , B A , B.L ,
Secretary, to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith enclosed copies of correspondence in the matter of charges for power supplied to the Mysore City lighting and of certain alleged dues to the Electric Department in connection with the Six Ornamental lights installed to the Flower beds of Hardinge Circle, which speak for themselves, being self contained and self explanatory

2 I have heard absolutely nothing further on the subject, since my last letter dated 14th June 1920 to Mr Forbes And you are yourself aware, how at his and my personal request, a special committee has been appointed by Government to go into the whole of the subject, and how in pursuance thereof a meeting has been held and certain preliminary understanding come to thereat.

3 The local Superintendent of Power & Light is not unaware of such circumstances, for he himself had told me that Mr Forbes had sent him a copy of my said letter of 14th June last. When matters stand thus the

Superintendent, has suddenly and unceremoniously disconnected the power, without any reference or even the slightest courtesy of giving me any notice of his intention to do so. I am at the spot and at all times accessible and he frequently meets me. And if he should have had any further orders or instructions in the matter, he could easily have communicated the same to me and given an opportunity to the Municipal Council to arrange for the needful. In spite of all this, he has chosen to act thus

4. The Hardinge Circle is a gracious bounty of His Highness the Maharaja to the citizens of the Capital, and the extreme impropriety of want only thus cutting off the supply of light to such place of Public Resort needs no characterisation. It is needless to add that hundreds of poor people who went to the place for recreation, returned loudly grumbling and disappointed bitterly

5 Besides, a sum of Rs 1,329-8-3 deposited by the Municipality for certain other purposes, the Superintendent says, he has adjusted towards the arrears of alleged charges for these lights on his own authority. This is fundamentally opposed to rules of all etiquette and Departmental transactions, and shakes the very foundation of the trust which one Department has to place in another for facilities of Departmental work

6 I have therefore to request on behalf of the Municipal Council, that you may be so good as to move the Government to pass such orders as may render a repetition of such highhanded and lighthearted actions, at the Capital City where so many Departments have to work in hearty co-operation with each other, impossible

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd. S Srikanteswara Aiyar
President

Copy forwarded to the Chief Electrical Engineer, with compliments, for favour of perusal ( particularly my letters dated 8th and 14th June 1920 to Mr Forbes where the matter stops) and restoration of lights pending orders of Government on the whole subject

Sd/- C Srikantesvara Aiyar

1-9-20

Copy of Memo No.5419 dated 6th September 20 from the Offg. Chief Electrical Engineer.

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The Superintendent,

Mysore Power & Light,

Mysore

Dear Sir,

We wish to confirm having telephoned to you to-day as below-

"Turn on current to Hardinge Circle Flower Bed lights, pending further instructions from this office "

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Copy forwarded, with compliments, to the President, City Municipal Council Mysore, for favour of information, with reference to his memo of the 4th instant

Sd. S D.Iyengar,

Offg. Chief Electrical Engineer.

1 Copy of Public Works Secretary's letter No E D S 197 dated 5th September 1919, to the Chief Electrical Engineer

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I am directed to return herewith the two marginally noted estimates, received with your letter No 1904 dated the 1st August 1919, duly sanctioned for the amounts noted against each

1 Estimate for installing 47 ornamental lamp posts in Mysore City from the Market Square to the Railway Station- Rs 23,510

1 Estimate for deviating the power and the telephone lines, running along the roads referred to in the first estimate Rs 12,300

The amount required for expenditure on the first estimate may be appropriated from the sum of Rs 1 91,000 provided in the current year's budget for ' Unsanctioned works' in Mysore City

The capital outlay and other charges, viz Rs 12,300 ( minus Rs 286-8-0, the outlay on deviating the power lines and the telephone lines near the Post Office) should be borne by the Municipality Unless a clear understanding is arrived at in the matter, it may not be advisable to go ahead

The question of royalty to be paid by the Municipal Council, Mysore City, for the lamps installed under the first estimate is under the consideration of Government

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2 Copy of Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No. 17 dated 10th January 1920, to the President, Municipal Council

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I would like to invite your reference to my D O No 288 of the 11th September 1919, and would request you to please let us know, what arrangements you have made for depositing the Funds, as the expenditure is outstanding from a long time, in the accounts of the Superintendent, Mysore Power & Lighting

I shall be glad to have a line in reply

3 Copy of the President's reply dated 12th January 1920, to the Chief Electrical Engineer.

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Your letter of 10th instant re certain ornamental street lights. I am sorry your D O No 298 of 11th September 1919 does not seem to have reached me and shall be glad you kindly ordered a copy of it to be sent to me Can it refer to Rs 6,000 which Mr Iyengar has been asking me for ornamental lights on Albert Victor Road With reference to this, I have had some difficulty to solve Till now the Municipality has never paid for installing any light but have been only paying lighting charges at Rs 16 and odd per light per year, which subsequently you have been asking at Rs 30 per lamp.

Both these subjects have been under the active consideration of the Municipal Council who have now been engaged in finding their ways and means and revising the taxes etc

As soon as I receive copy of your letter of 11th September last, I shall address you again on the subject

I am really very sorry for the delay.

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4 Copy of Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No 3337 dated 1/4th June 1920 to the President, Municipal Council

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( 'Hardinge Circle' lights, Mysore )

I have the honour to invite your reference to the Mysore Power & Light Superintendent's letter No. 1879 of the 29th ultimo and request that you will be good enough to arrange payment of the amount due by the Municipality for the energy supplied to the lights in 'Hardinge Circle' by the 15th of this month, as otherwise, a reference will have to be made to the Government, and in the mean time the lights will be

cutt off

A favour of immediate compliance will very much oblige

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(Enclosure to the above )

Copy of Superintendent's letter No 1279 dated 29th May 1920, to the President, Municipal Council.

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HARDINGE CIRCLE LIGHTS

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I have the honour to request you to kindly arrange to pay the sum of Rs 1,037-9-4 for energy supplied to six of 600 c p lights in "Hardinge Circle" as already requested for in this Office No 796, 947 and 1186 of 5-4-20, 21-4-20 and 15-5-20 respectively, as the Comptroller is pressing for the immediate adjustment of the amount, without delay

The matter may kindly be treated as very urgent and an immediate compliance will highly oblige.

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5 The President's letter No 1082 dated 9th June 1920, to the Chief Electrical Engineer

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I have received your letter of 4th June to-day anent lighting charges in Hardinge Circle As I have explained to you it has been a physical impossibility to meet such heavy charges and so it was that I requested the Government to have the subject looked into for reconsideration I shall therefore feel obliged for your kindly having the demand deferred, till we have met.

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6 Copy of Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No 174 dated 8/9th June 1920, to the President, Municipal Council

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There is outstanding in our accounts against the Municipality amount to Rs 88,519-13-7, and the Comptroller

is repeatedly and continuously taking audit objection and sending me reminders every week, insisting on the amount being adjusted, claiming that this Department has been paying for works carried out in anticipation of sanction and also for Contribution Works before collecting the cost thereof

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1) I have been all along under the impression we are liable only to pay for power, and it is the rate for power i s more than Rs 16 per light, that has been under consideration

Here something is claimed for works ? What is it and what is the arrears of Rs 28,500 for

2) Nothing of the kind

(Id) C S 11-6-20

2 If you remember, I discussed this question with you to some considerable extent, about a year ago, and you agreed that we would carry out the works without requiring you to pay in advance the cost of such works, saving the Municipality the difference between the actual cost and the estimated cost thereof I pointed out that we made our estimates liberal enough to be sure of covering all the costs and therefore, in every case there was a small amount left over, which we would in future, treat as Miscellaneous Revenue to the Department The Municipality benefits by this arrangement between us in this way We prepare an estimate for the work executed by us and bill you for the actual expenditure, and therefore, you save any unexpended amount but this arrangement was based on your agreeing to pay the amount as soon as the bill is sent for the work

3. Had I had the slightest idea that there was going to be any difficulty, I would certainly not have entered into this arrangement with the Municipality, for the simple reason that, by long deferred payment, I am getting a reputation of executing works irregularly and without previous proper sanction and without afterwards collecting the amount actually expended from the revenues of this Department for the benefit of the Mysore Municipality

I am not aware of any such agreement He is apparently mixing up something

4 We have strict regulations governing the collection of money due to the Electrical Department, and I have recently enforced these rules in connection with the street lighting at K G F in

connection with the supply of power to Government Departments and in connection with the sale of materials to private parties, and the only exception remaining is the Mysore Municipality I am forced to take action in the matter, and unless the whole amount, due by the Municipality for Contribution works executed by us and for arrears of revenue for power supplied is not paid, I will have to instruct the Superintendent, M.P L ,Mysore, to cut off the power supply to <u>all of the Municipality's lighting installations, including office and street lights, within one week from this date</u>

5 I hate very much to take this action, but unless the amounts due to the Department are recovered within a reasonable length of time after the execution of the works my own activities will be very considerably restricted and limited, as the Comptroller will then begin to insist on the exact letter of the rules and regulations governing the sanction of works If I carry out a work in anticipation of sanction, the Comptroller does not take audit objection if the bill is paid promptly I have discussed this question with you good many times, and I feel that the Electrical Department should not be the only one from whom you withhold payment, while all the other transactions are paid up promptly

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7 Copy of the President's reply dated 14th June 1920 to the Chief Electrical Engineer

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I received your D O dated 9th June 1920 on the 11th apparently crossing mine to you of the same date regarding cost of Electric power supply to Hardinge Circle,

I have had all the bills for power supply pending in my Office looked into and find only a sum of Rs 4 371-1-10 is outstanding which too is only for current power excluding a sum of Rs 1,037-9-4 for lights of the Hardinge inner circle about which I have requested you to defer action in my D O above referred to A Cheque for Rs 4,371-1-10 has also since

been issued to the Superintendent, Power and Light, Mysore

As regards initial charges of several installations in the City, the first claim in this respect was made in P W Secretary's letter No.199 dated 5th September 1919 for a sum of Rs 12,300 for deviating the power and telephone lines running along the roads from the Market Square to the Railway Station and I protested against this payment in my D O to you dated 12th January 1920, as such charges had never till then been asked for or paid by the Municipality I am afraid there has been some misapprehension somewhere on this subject I could not have told you that the Municipality would meet such charges as under Statutory Regulations, the Municipal Council itself has no power to sanction any work, without previous sanction of Government, but on the other hand I distinctly remember your telling me when I spoke of our crippled resources personally, that the Electrical Department would bear all installation charges and that we were to pay only for the power Further, it may perhaps be with in your recollection that it was only after certain claims had been preferred by your Department for such works, that I began to complain to you, first in my said D O letter dated 12th January 1920 and later on personally, and so it is unlikely that any works had been executed after our conversation which, as far as I could remember, solely related to the higher rate than Rs 16 67 per street light which was being claimed and which I explained was physically impossible for the Municipality to bear under the unsatisfactory state of its finances, and I even showed you the details of our Budget However, as you have been demanding a higher rate of Rs 30 per lamp for additional lights installed and threatening to cut off supply, the cost at this rate is being paid under <u>protest</u> on the understanding that the excess amount claimed will be refunded after the whole question is decided, after the Special Committee meeting and a reasonable rate fixed

Thus, it will be seen that the Municipality is not

unreasonably withholding payment of the bills of only your Department as you put it It may surprise you to know, the facts are all the other way There is no Municipal Service which costs more than lighting (Rs30,000) and there is no other Department that is more exacting I am sure you understand me I make absolutely no complaint of it, but merely mention it with reference to the concluding portion of your letter

I shall feel thankful for your kindly furnishing details of the amount of Rs28,519-13-7 said to be due from the Municipality

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8 Letter No 2352 dated 1st September 1920, from the Superintendent, Power and Light, Mysore, to the President, Municipal Council

Dues by the Municipality

In appending herewith the extract of letter No 950 of the 19th ultimo to the address of the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore, regarding the payment of your dues, I have the honour to inform you, that service has been disconnected to the six ornamental lights in the flower bed of Hardinge Circle until the question of prompt payment of the lighting charges to this installation is decided

> "The lighting charges of Rs1,337-4-1 for six ornamental lamps in the Flower Bed of Hardinge Circle due right from the commencement of their installation having not been paid by them a sum of Rs1,329-8-3 available with us to the credit of the Municipality has also been adjusted leaving a balance of Rs7-11-10 to end of July 20. Until the question of prompt payment of dues on this installation is decided, I have disconnected the installation "

In this connection, I would request you to kindly enlighten me when the charges incurred, as per sanction of Government, for the deviation works amounting to Rs533-4-7 and Rs11,956-2-7 carried out by this Department on your

behalf, may be expected in this office

An early reply will highly oblige

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9, Letter No.184 dated 4th September 1920, from the Chief Officer, City Municipal Office, Mysore, to the Superintendent, Power and Light, Mysore

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With reference to your letter No 2352 dated 1st September 1920 to the President, stating that you have disconnected power to six ornamental lights in the flowerbed of Hardinge Circle on account of certain alleged dues from the Municipality I am directed to state that you will be doing so, on your own responsibility and risk as the Municipal Council have, as you are aware of, referred the subject to the Chief Electrical Engineer and the whole subject of lights in the City is pending decision of Government on the report to be submitted by Special Committee that have been sitting to consider the subject

2 I am also to add that a copy of this letter with a copy of your's under reply is submitted to Government, pointing out also how unceremoniously and suddenly without any the least notice of intended steppage you have chosen to deal with the City

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST BOARD MYSORE

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From

RAJASABHABHUSHANA DIWAN BAHADUR

C SRIKANTESVARA AIYAR B A B L

CHAIRMAN CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST BOARD

MYSORE

To

B Ramaswamaiya Esquire B A B L,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department

Sir

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of the Government a copy of letter No 2951 dated 27th May 1921 received from the Chief Electrical Engineer in the matter of adjustment of certain alleged dues by the Trust Board, Mysore together with a copy of my reply thereto dated 5th June 1921

2 It will be seen therefrom that the claim of the Electrical Department that a sum of Rs 9 387-12-8 is due to the Department by the Trust Board is not borne out by facts but is based on accounts which for the reasons explained in paragraph 1 of my said letter are discrepant and defective As matters stand nothing is due by the Board On the contrary the Electrical Department have to refund to the Board a sum of Rs 2 536-10-2 out of the pre-deposits made on invariably excessive estimates furnished by them and also pay Rs 2 235-7-0 for land acquired for them Although several requisitions have been

made to them for submission of accounts and bills and for the payment of the amount due for the value of the land, they have neither sent the bills nor remitted the amount with the result that the Comptroller's objections continue to remain unerased

3 Under these circumstances the Trust Board regret they are obliged to have to take exception to the Chief Electrical Engineer's unwarranted and most extraordinary observation "Unless the amount due by the Trust Board is paid at once the Electrical Department will not in future carry out any works for the Trust Board until a full deposit of the estimated cost of such works had been received in the Orrice of the Superintendent Mysore Power & Lighting" I am therefore to request that you may be so good as move the Government to issue such orders as they may deem fit in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

Chairman

Previous correspondence on the subject has been submitted for orders of Dewan. May accord the return of the file

Submitted for orders

Yes

If there is no order when the file was received back -

Copy of letter No 2981 dated 26th/27th May 1921 from the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Chairman City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore

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I have the honour to inform you that the account of the Electrical Department with the Trust Board stands as follows-

| | | Debits | Credits |
|---|---|---|---|
| Item No.1 | Extending the High Tension underground cable from Statue square to Dufferin Fountain and West Fort Gate to Curzon Park and the installation of 18 ornamental lamps sanctioned by Government on 24th October 1917 expenditure Rs | 5,975 5 9 | |
| Item No.2. | Extending the High Tension underground cable from West Fort Gate to Sanskrit College and the installation of 20 ornamental lights countersigned by the Chairman City Improvement Trust Board Expenditure Rs | 5 623 3 11 | |
| Item No 3 | Deviating local power line, No 5 Incandescent circuit Telephone lines and so forth from West Fort Gate to Sanskrit College, expenditure Rs | 583 9 9 | |
| Item No 4 | Installing Railway Station Gate lights expenditure Rs | 1 696 8 11 | |
| | Deposit made by the Trust Board Rs | | 2,141 0 0 |
| Item No 5 | Installing ornamental lamps from Hardinge Circle to Statue square and Clock Tower to Fort Main Gate expenditure Rs | 8,448 7 9 | |
| | Deposit made by the Trust Board Rs | | 8,524 2 0 |
| Item No 6 | Installing 5 lights in the circle near Palanjee's House expenditure Rs | 1[illegible] 2 | |
| | Deposit by the Trust Board | | 171 0 0 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Item No 7 | Cost of land acquired by the Trust Board and handed over to the Electrical Depa rtment | | | | Rs | 2,235 | 7 0 |
| | | Total | Rs | 22,459 5 8 | | 13,071 | 9 0 |
| Balance due by the Trust Board to the Electrical Department | | | Rs | 9,387 12 8 | | | |

2 In connection with this amount, I have the honour to inform you that I have given the Superintendent Mysore Power and Lighting definite and positive instructions that the cost of the land acquired by you and handed over to the electrical department and any savings out of deposits paid by the Trust Board to the Electrical Department for work done by them shall be adjusted against the amounts due by the Trust Board to the Electrical Department This has been done, leaving a balance, as above of Rs 9 387-12-8 due to the Electrical Department, and I would very greatly appreciate your sending a cheque immediately in payment of the amount part of which has been outstanding for very nearly three years

3 Unless the amount due by the Trust Board is paid at once the electrical department will not in future carry out any works for the Trust Board, until a full deposit of the estimated cost of such works had been received in the office of the Superintendent Mysore Power and Lighting

Copy of letter No 1823 dated 5th June 1921, from the Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore, to the Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore

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In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No 2981 dated 27th May 1921 forwarding a statement of accounts with the City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore and requesting to send a Cheque for Rs 9 387-12-8 said to be due to the Electric Department, I have the honour to forward herewith a comparative statement of accounts as now furnished by you and as standing on the books of this office admitted as per accounts furnished in your Office letter No 5889 dated 25th September 1920 and to reply as follows—

(i) The expenditure shown against the works mentioned in items Nos 1 & 2 in the statement now furnished by you is less by Rs 134-9-1 and 134-12-3 respectively than that shown against the same works in the statement received with your letter No 5889 dated 25th September 1920 while that now shown against item No 3 is more by Rs 110-10-3 than in the previous statement The reason for such differences in works completed long ago is not explained However, as these works were not ordered by the Trust Board nor sanctioned by Government as their scheme and besides as you have yourself also admitted that the items 1 & 2 have to be debited to Interior Power and Lighting, no question arises regarding their adjustment by the Trust Board,

(ii) the figures now furnished by you for items No 4 & 5 agree with those furnished already, and a sum of Rs 475-4-9 is due to the Trust Board on these two works ordered by them for which

estimated amounts were duly pre-deposited with the Electrical Department,

(iii) with regard to item No 5 Rs 8,524-2-0 is now shown as having been deposited by the Trust Board, while only a sum of Rs 8,427 was actually deposited, the expenditure also has now been raised from Rs 8,405-11-2 to Rs 8,440-7-0, these excesses require reconciliation,

(iv) items Nos 7 & 8 aggregating as 2,478 as per our accounts do not find place in your present statement though item No 7 is included in the statement furnished with your Office letter No 5889 dated 25th September 1920, item No 8 has been omitted in both these statements

It will accordingly be seen that besides a sum of Rs 2,235-7-0 being the value or land acquired behind the Electrical Office and handed over to the Electric Department at their special request, a sum of Rs 2,536-10-2 is still due by the Electric Department out of pre-deposits made with them by the Trust Board for all the works ordered by them

2 In paragraph 2 of your letter under reply it is stated that the cost of the land acquired by the Trust Board and handed over to the Electrical Department and the savings out of deposits paid by the Board to the Electrical Department for work done by them have been adjusted against the amounts due by the Board to the Electrical Department leaving a balance of Rs 9 387-12-8 in favour of the Department, while it is shown as explained above that no amount is due to that Department who on the contrary have to (i) refund to the Board Rs 2,536-10-2 out of the pre-deposits made on excessive estimates furnished by them and (ii) pay Rs 2,235-7-0 for land acquired for them, or in other words owe the Trust Board Rs 4,772-1-2 in all

3 The Trust Board is a quasi-Government concern, governed by Statutory Regulation and worked by Government funds and on lines approved by Government Each and every work undertaken by the Board and debited to its funds must have a seperate account of its own with complete vouchers to be rendered to the Comptroller and supported by Government sanction as has been often pointed out The action of the Electrical Department therefore in adjusting the amounts due to the Board as they please and also for works not ordered by the Board or sanctioned by the Government, is fundamentally opposed to the Codal Rules and Office procedure, and not furnishing seperate bills with voushers, though repeatedly asked for, renders the accounts not only confused out also keeps the Comptroller s incessant objections unanswered

4 In these circumstances, the observation in the concluding paragraph of your letter under reference that " unless the amount due by the Trust Board is paid at once the Electrical Department will not in future carry out any works for the Trust Board until a full deposit of the estimated cost of such works has been received in the Office of the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Lighting" would seem quite inappropriate and uncalled for and to which the Board regret they have to take exception They are accordingly referring the subject to Government for such orders as they may deem fit to issue in the Electric Department for its guidance as to how it should carry out its works for other Departments.

5 Meanwhile I am to re-iterate the request made in this Office letters Nos 415 and 652 dated 23rd March 1921 and 2nd April 1921 respectively to the Superintendent, Power and Light, Mysore,(copies enclosed for ready reference) that the sum of Rs 2,235-7-0 due for the acquisition of the site for the Electrical Department may kindly be remitted without further delay for reasons therein stated

MYSORE CITY IMPROVEMENT TRUST

Comparative statement of accounts as furnished by the Chief Electrical Engir

| No. | Name of work. | Amount deposited by T. B | | | As per Chief Electrical statement now furn Expenditure. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 4 | | |
| | | | | | Rs | As | P |
| 1. | Extending the High Tension underground cable from Statue Square to Dufferin Fountain and West Fort Gate to Curzon Park & the installation of 18 ornamental lamps sanctioned by Government on 24th October 1917. | | | | 5,975 | 5 | 9 |
| 2. | Extending the H T underground cable from west Fort gate to Sanskrit College and the installation of 20 ornamental lights | | | | 5,623 | 3 | 1 |
| 3. | Deviating local power line, No. 3 Incandescent circuit telephone lines and so forth from West Fort Gate to Sanskrit College | | | | 583 | 9 | |
| 4. | Installing Railway Station Gate lights. 1/17 | 2,141 | 0 | 0 | 1,[illegible] | [illegible] | 1 |
| 5. | Installing ornamental lamps from Hardinge Circle to Statue Square and Clock Tower to Fort Main Gate 1/17 | 8,524 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 440 | 7 |
| 6 | Installing 5 lights in the Circle near Palanjee's House. 6/17 | 171 | 0 | 0 | | 146 | 2 |
| 7. | Installing two extra lights on the Gate pillars of Erangere Oakeid. 7/17 | | | | | | |
| 8 | Amount deposited for fixing lights near the Kamani Darvaja Mosque. 1/19 | | | | | | |
| 9. | Cost of land acquired by the Trust Board and handed over to the Electrical Department | 3,236 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| | Total Rs | 19,071 | 9 | 0 | 23,489 | 5 | |

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er, and as standing on the books of the City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore.

| Engineer's ed. | As per accounts of the Trust Board admitted as per Chief Electrical Engineer's statement furnished in September 1920. | | | | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Savings. | Amount deposited | | Expenditure | | Savings. | | |
| 5 | 6 | | 7 | | 8 | | 9 |
| Rs As P | Rs | As P | Rs | As P | Rs | As P | |
| | | | | | | | Not ordered by Trust Board |
| | | | | | | | Do |
| | | | | | | | Do. |
| 444 7 1 | 2,141 | 0 0 | 1,696 | 8 11 | 444 | 7 1 | |
| 83 11 0 | 8,427 | 0 0 | 8,405 | 11 0 | 21 | 5 0 | |
| 30 13 8 | 171 | 0 0 | 140 | 2 4 | 30 | 13 8 | |
| | 978 | 0 0 | 437 | 15 3 | 540 | 0 5 | These figures included in the Chief Engineer's statement of September 1920 have been omitted in his present statement. |
| | 1,500 | 0 0 | | | | | No accounts yet furnished. |
| | 2,235 | 7 0 | | | | | |
| 558 13 9 | 15,452 | 7 0 | 10,680 | 5 10 | 1,036 | 10 9 | |

Chairman

Copy of letter No 415 dated 23rd March 1921 from the Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore, to the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Light, Mysore

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With reference to your Office No 293 dated the 3rd February 1920 regarding the adjustment of Rs 2,235-7-0, I have the honour to point out that it has been repeatedly explained that the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board has nothing whatsoever to do with the Municipality and inspite of it, it is much regretted that the accounts of these two separate bodies are being mixed up quite ignoring such representations, with the consequence that the liabilities of the one are mixed up with those of the other In fact, these two quite different bodies are governed by separate Regulations and independant of each other in respect of every transaction as clearly pointed out already in this Office letter No. C1 131 dated the 4th November 1920.

2 As such the amount due by your Department to the Trust Board cannot be adjusted, against any amount which may be due to your Department from the Municipality with which the Board have nothing to do

3 The works carried out by you on behalf of the City Improvement Trust Board are only those detailed in Statement A and item No 2 in Statement B, received with Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No 5889 dated the 25th September 1920

Statement A- On referring to this statement, the City Improvement Trust Board has to get back Rs 1,026-10-2 on account of savings effected in the various items mentioned therein, after deducting Rs 10-3-2 being the

value of cement issued for flower bed lighting , Trust Board Works

Statement B- Cost of items No 1 and 2 are debitable to the interior Power and Lighting, Mysore as clearly admitted in the same Chief Electrical Engineer's letter mentioned above and so the Trust Board has nothing to pay towards these two items

Item 3- The excess expenditure on this item is Rs 472-15-6 which may be adjusted from the amount of Rs 1,026-10-2 due to the Trust Board

Item 4 is debitable to the Municipality as admitted by the Chief Electrical Engineer in the same letter

4 Thus it is very clear that the Trust Board have to get back Rs 553-7-6 (Net) after making all necessary adjustments for the amounts due from the Trust Board

5 This together with the value of the site (Rs 2,235-7-0) already handed over to the Electric Department on the specific understanding of the Department paying for its acquisition etc comes to Rs 2 788-14-6, which is the amount that the Trust Board has to get from the Electric Department now

6 As the amount is outstanding from a very long time and the Comptroller has been urging for its early adjustment I request that you may be so good as to remit this amount immediately failing which, I regretfully shall be obliged to lay the case before the Government for settlement.

Copy of letter No.652 dated 2nd April 1921 from the Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore to the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Light, Mysore

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With reference to your letter No 82 dated the 29th March 1921, I have the honour to state that the Government in their Order No 6291-2/M1 71-16-9 dated the 28th March 1917 have sanctioned the acquisition of several properties in this area of which this Bavaji Mutt is one--Vide Mysore Gazette dated 12th April 1917 Part I Page 302 This property was acquired accordingly and handed over to your Department at your special request for additional accommodation A bill for a sum of Rs.2,235-7-0 was accordingly sent to you with this Office No 238-M 109/C 23 of 17-18 dated the 28th December 1919 for payment and a reminder followed with this Office letter No 2 - of the 28th January 1921 to which you replied in your letter No.295 of 3rd February 1920, as follows ---

> this amount will be retained by us with a view to adjust it towards the dues by you to our Department and hence it may be taken, that the value of the land has been paid by us towards your accounts"

2 Thus it will be seen you have clearly accepted the claim, and have taken possession of the land having bought it from the Trust Board and enclosed it within the Electrical Office compound as stated in the same letter Thereupon, it was further pointed out in this Office letters Nos C1 131 and 415 dated the 4th November 1920 and 23rd March 1921 respectively that the Trust Board had nothing to pay to Electrical Department and that the money due for the land should be sent immediately Again a fresh requisition for remitting the amount was sent to you with this Office No 415 dated 23rd idem, as Comptroller was pressing for all

recoveries Instead of remitting the amount, at this stage you want a copy of Government Order sanctioning the acquisition of land which was sold to you at your special request by the Trust Board who under the Trust Board Regulation have power to do

3 If the property had been sold to others it would have fetched twice or three times more than the amount charged the Trust Board having given the site to your Department at concession rates

4 I therefore request that you may be so good as to kindly treat this matter as very urgent and remit the money at once

5 As regards the details for Rs 553-7-6 mentioned in para 4 of my letter, I have to refer you to letter No 5889 of the 25th September 1920 received from the Chief Electrical Engineer of Mysore (copy of which is herewith sent)

Copy of letter No 141 dated 7th June 1921, from the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, to the Secretary, to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department

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I have the honour to forward herewith copies of letter No 2993 dated 27th May 1921 from the Chief Electrical Engineer and my reply thereto together with their enclosures which speak for themselves and to state that the Municipal Council feel strongly at the high tone and exceptional threat of the Chief Electrical Engineer that unless an amount of Rs7,011-7-9 said to be due to the Electric Department is paid by the 15th instant, on the eve of His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday festivities the lights will be left disconnected until the amount is paid The Municipal Council therefore respectfully urge upon the Government to kindly have necessary instructions issued immediately that such embarassing and discourteous threats are not held out to other Departments while it should be the end and aim of all in Public-utility-services to work cheerfully and in perfect co-operation and harmony with each other for the commonweal of the people

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Copy of Letter No.2993 dated 27th May 1921 , from the Chief Electrical Engineer, to the President, City Municipal Council,Mysore.

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I have the honour to attach herewith a statement of the account of the Mysore City Municipality with the Electrical Department, which shows the balance due to the Electrical Department as Rs7,011-7-9

2. Some of these items have been outstanding for a very long time, and I would greatly appreciate your sending a Cheque to the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Lighting, immediately in payment of the full amount Against some of the works that have been carried out by us there are unexpended balances, which I have instructed the Superintendent to credit against the amount due by the Municipality, leaving the above total balance

3. Further I have instructed the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Lighting, that under no circumstances is he to carry out or execute any works in the future to the Municipality, unless the Municipality have deposited with him the full amount of the estimate. In thecase of the items due to the Electrical Department for the supply of electrical energy, I wish to inform you that unless the amounts are paid by the 15th of June the lights will be left disconnected until the amount is paid I am forced to do this on account of the Comptroller taking audit objection to the non-collection of the revenue dues. This has been going on so long that Government have taken very severe notice of the state of the account with the Municipality, and have expressed themselves in such strong language that I have no other alternative except to resort to the one method by which I can be sure of the collection of the bills; ie. by cutting off the service.

4. During the past 4 or 5 years, the Electrical Department has spared no pains or energy or expenses in complying with the request of the Municipality in securing a reasonably suitable and adequate illuminating service for the City streets, and I feel by the non-payment of the amount due to the department that our efforts are not appreciated, and I will have to take proper precautions in the future to prevent the adverse criticisms of the Comptroller and of Government

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**Statement of Account of the Mysore City Municipality with the Mysore Government Electrical Department.**

| No. | Particulars. | Deposits. | BALANCE. Due to the Dept by Municipality. | | | Due to the Municipality by the department | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | 5 | | |
| | | Rs. | Rs | As | P | Rs | As | P |
| 1. | Rectifying the defects in Town Hall. | 125 | | — | | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| 2. | Installing 2 extra lights on the gate pillars of Krangere Ockad. | 978 | | — | | 540 | 0 | 5 |
| 3. | Dannimantap road lighting. | 1,167 | | — | | 216 | 14 | 6 |
| 4. | Installing light -ning conductor to Clock Tower. | 539 | | — | | 146 | 10 | 8 |
| 5. | Installing lights near Kapani Darvaja Mosque. | 1,500 | | — | | 1,419 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. | Preparing 'Good Bye' sign board | 75 | | — | | 35 | 8 | 7 |
| 7. | Overhauling Clock Tower & Town Hall | 359 | | — | | 42 | 4 | 7 |
| 8. | Do | 9,284 | | — | | 1,817 | 8 | 3 |
| 9. | Do. | | 505 | 12 | 1 | | — | |
| 10. | Railway Station Gate lights. | — | 75 | 0 | 6 | | — | |
| 11. | Deviating Belagola Incandescent and Telephones from Sayaji Rao Road & Old Post Office Road | — | 6,784 | 12 | 7 | | — | |
| 12. | Cost of energy supplied to 5 light fitting in Hardinge Circle up to end of March 1921 | | 2,445 | 5 | 8 | | — | |
| 13 | Arrears of energy supplied t 6 lights fitting in Hardinge Circle. | | 1,431 | 4 | 1 | | — | |
| | | | 11,242 | 2 | 11 | 4,230 | 11 | 8 |

Balance due to the Electrical Department Rs 7,011-7-9

Copy of Letter No 1068 dated 1/6th June 1921, from the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, to the Chief Electrical Engineer, Bangalore

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I am to own receipt of your letter No 2995 dated 27th May 1921 forwarding a statement of account of the Electric Department with the Mysore City Municipal Council and informing that unless the amounts (Rs7011-7-9) alleged to be due to the Department "are paid by the 15th of June 1921, the lights will be left disconnected until the amount is paid" etc , and to exchange in return, a correct statement of accounts as per books of the City Municipal Council showing the amounts advanced from time to time for several works ordered by the Council, for all of which, without exception, estimates were duly prepared by the Superintendent, Power & Light, Mysore, and the requisite funds as asked for by him were pre-deposited with him, subject to adjustment on submission of final bills, and to state as follows—

2 Regarding items Nos 11 12 & 13 in your statement for Rs6,784-12-7 for deviating Belagola incandescent and Telephone Lines from Sayaji Rao Road and Old Post Office Road, and Rs3,876-9-9 for cost of energy supplied to light fittings in the Hardinge Circle, I have only to request a reperusal of my D O to you dated the 14th June 1920 and to say that I have nothing more to add to it, as the Government, who appointed a Special Committee, as therein referred to for investigating such and similar charges have not as yet passed final orders on the same.

* How this figure is arrived at is not known, against Rs12,300 appearing in the whole correspondence on this subject

submitted by that Committee You are doubtless not unaware of how these very items, which gave rise to the appointment of this Committee also formed specific subjects of discussion at that Special Committee meeting, presided over by Mr. P Raghavendra Rao, Member of Council, and how I repeated thereat, that while the cost of deviating the lines was hardly a Municipal charge, the higher rates for Hardinge Circle lights were prohibitive and utterly beyond the scope of the Municipal finances, that they were, because, works not only not sanctioned by the Municipal Council but were those undertaken without as much as even a consultation with them, and that in consequence there was difficulty to meet these unauthorized charges How my representa-tions were received are also not unknown to you. Nothing has transpired since then.

2. As for the other items mentioned in the two statements—

(i) apparently, items Nos 3 & 8 in the statement forwarded by you (which is marked A for facility of reference) comprise the items of advances amounting to Rs18,451 as per items 2, 3, 4 & 5 in our statement marked B;

(ii) items 1, 4 & 7 in A correspond to advance items Nos 1, 7 & 6 in B, aggregating Rs973;

(iii) item Nos 6 for Rs75 in A is the advance, from funds allotted by Government for Viceregal expenses, as per Superintendent requisition for getting up a Good bye board for the

Railway Station Gate on the occasion of the departure of His Excellency the Viceroy Lord Chelmsford in December 1919, which still stands unadjusted though the accounts of the Viceregal charges were closed and sent to the Comptroller long ago,

(iv) Items Nos 2 & 3 for Rs2,478 in A do not relate to the transactions of the Municipal Council, who have neither asked for any such works nor have advanced any amount These are obviously erroneous entries against them, and

(v) likewise, is the erroneous omission of a sum of Rs400 (item No 8 in B) advanced to the Superintendent on his requisition, so far back as 5th October 1920, which does not find an entry in your statement

4 The net result is, that out of an amount of Rs11,899, inclusive of the advance of Rs75 from Viceregal reception funds, pre-deposited by the Municipal Council with the Superintendent for several works ordered by them from time to time, as estimated and asked for by him, there still remains, as per figures given in Col 5 of your statement A, a sum of Rs2 371-10-7 to the credit of the Municipal Council with the Electric Department, against which the trifling sum of Rs380-12-7, (items Nos 9 & 10 in A) has to be adjusted, and this is pending disposal, owing to the Superintendent not having met me or explained matters

as requested in my D O dated 4th October 1928 (copy enclosed).

5. Thus it is clear that no amounts due to the Electric Department have ever been held back by the Municipality; on the contrary it is the Electric Department that have yet to furnish final bills for the several completed works, which they have not done in spite of repeated reminders These advances have not been adjusted, and the unspent balances which as shown above amounts to Rs 2,271-10-7 minus Rs 580-12-7, or Rs 1,690-14-( have not yet been returned to the Municipality which may now be kindly done along with the final bills Retei ,r of such sums over long periods for 2 to 3 years cannc but be disadvantageous to the Municipality, especially when its small finances are taken into consideration Owing to such failure on the part of Electric Department it has not been possible to verify the actual balances due to the Municipality or to get them adjusted against the various amounts pre-deposited with the Superintendent Each and every time any work was ordered by the Municipality, advances have been made invariably on excessive or over-estimates— varying from 12%, 15% to 87% in excess of actual requirements— furnished by the Superintendent as are transparent from the comparative figures of such pre-deposits and unspent balances given in Cols 3 & 5 of your statement A All these advances are being shown as unadjusted advances in the Municipal Accounts against the Electric Department. The mixing up of items unconnected with the Municipality, omitting items relating to it, and making adjustments, as they please, out of the balances due to the Municipality have had no concern, contrary to the ordinary Rules of Office procedure not to speak of the confusion in the

accounts, have not rendered the Government Auditors' task any the less easy nor the Comptroller's criticisms or the Municipal accounts any the more agreeable The Comptroller has merely been doing his legitimate duty not sparing the Municipal Council either, to bring about a reconciliation and adjustment of accounts between several Departments; but his objections, nevertheless have so far remains unanswered owing to the non-compliance by the Superintendent to furnish final bills even up to date. No wonder, then, there should be the Comptroller's audit objections, if the state of accounts were such as the letter under acknowledgement and the statement of accounts received therewith disclose

6 Further, it is significant that in your statement, there is not a single instance in which the requisition of the Electric Department, as per estimates prepared by them for works sanctioned by the Municipal Council, has not been promptly complied with nor there has been a pie of arrears for any services rendered to the Municipality or energy supplied to sanctioned street lights These stand out eloquently and in bold relief It is needless to recapitulate that the Municipal Council have no power under Statutory Regulations, to undertake or order any works without previously providing funds or without sanction of Government for such as need their approval

7. Such being the real state of facts, the intimation that you have instructed the Superintending Engineer, Mysore Power & Lighting, that under no circumstances

Underlining mine.

is he to carry out or execute any works in the future to the Municipality unless the Municipality have deposited with him the full amount of the estimate', would seem to be an unwarranted for as inappropriate,

but coming as it does from the responsible Head of an important Department of Government, the Municipal are content merely to refer it to Government for insisting upon a spirit of sympathy, co-operation and harmony, necessary in all Public-Service Departments, to ensure an efficient Municipal administration at the Capital of theState, where all Services have to join and work as a whole for the commonweal of the City

8 The complaint, in the concluding paragraph of your letter consists of two parts— (i) that during the past 4 or 5 years the Electric Department have spared no pains or energy or expense in complying with the request of the Municipality in securing a reasonably suitable and adequate illuminating service for the City streets', and (ii) that by the non-payment of the amount due to the department their efforts are not appreciated. The Municipal Council emphatically demur to the fiction of non-payment, as demonstrated in the foregoing paragraphs The 1st part represents one side There is the other side of the picture, the peoples' view, which I had not intended for the time to distress you with or to worry the Government over again. The scant attention to their repeated representations, non-burning of several lights, sometimes whole areas without a single light throughout nights, non-providing the extra lights ordered by Government, (only 192 out of 348 lights ordered so far back as May 1919 having been installed), and continuity of their sufferings unattenuated; these form the constant burden of their complaints, and the poor unsophisticated sufferer, in his exasperation, is unable to underestimate his troubles and grievances and muse himself with the aesthetic effects of the

City illumination at the liberal provision graciously made by Government in the Electric Department Budget, which only rouses his jealousy, and sharpens the edge of his own misery. Both these aspects, are foreign to the subject of adjustment of accounts but are only incidentally re - -ferred to, as one side of it finds place in your communication

9. Lastly, the Municipal Council feel constrained to take strong exceptionto the threat held out by you that " the lights will be left disconnected" till the alleged amount based on such incorrect statement and mixed up accounts is paid This is not the first time that such a threat has been held out The novel idea of punishing, as a drastic remedy against Comptroller's adverse criticisms, the people of the City, who are the paymasters and for whose benefit the several Public-Service Departments including the Municipal Council exist, for departmental differences and errors of servants, which should all be settled by reference to Government, were humourous but for the tragic effect it may produce, as in an erratic incident, on a small scale it once did occur when in September last during your absence, the lights in the Hardinge Circle were unceremoniously and without the least notice actually cut off (vide copy of Memo dated 4th September 1920 to the Chief Electrical Engineer, forwarding copy of this Office letter No 26 of even date to the Government, enclosed for ready reference) and out of due deference to your locum-tenens Mr S D Sheshadri Iyengar, who with greatest promptitude and courtesy restored the lights, the Municipal Council did not press the Government for a

ruling to render such acts in future absolutely impossible and similar threats innocuous Now that the threat is repeated, also just at the time of the natiqnal rejoicing, the festivities of His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday, the Municipal Council feel they have no alternative but to submit the entire correspondence to Government for such action as they deem fit to take

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Statement showing the amounts advanced from time to time to the Superintendent, Power & Light, Mysore, for several

| No. | Items | Amount Advanced. Rs | As | P | Remarks. |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 4 |
| 1 | Rectifying defects in Town Hall compound lights | 125 | 0 | 0 | Advanced as per requisition of Power & Light Superintendent's letter No 1427 dated 13th August 1918 |
| 2 | Clock Tower and Town Hall Illumination. | 3,424 | 0 | 0 | Advance of Rs 4,000 sent with this Office letter No.152 dated 13th August 1918 |
| | | 4,272 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3 | Banni Mantap road lighting | 1,167 | 0 | 0 | Further advance of Rs 4,863 sent with this Office letter No.547 dated 29th November 1918 |
| 4 | Overhauling Clock Tower & Town Hall during Birthday (1919) | 788 | 0 | 0 | Advanced again as per his requisition No.1180 dated 11th May 1919 with this Office letter No.1420 dated 26th May 1919 |
| 5 | " for Dasara (1919) | 800 | 0 | 0 | " No 1875 dated 13-8-1919 " " 215 dated 10-9-19. |
| 6 | " Birthday (1920) | 309 | 0 | 0 | " No 115 dated 13-5-1920 " " 997 dated 18-5-20. |
| 7. | Installing lightning conductor to Clock Tower | 539 | 0 | 0 | " With this Office letter No.182 dated 30th August 1919 |
| 8 | Rectifying Town Hall inner lights | 400 | 0 | 0 | " On 6th October 1920, with this Office letter No 293 dated 5th October 1920. |
| | Total | 11,824 | 0 | 0 | |

Copy of President's D.O. dated 4th October 1920 to the Superintendent, Mysore Power and Light

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I have been looking forward to see you for sometime, but have not been able to do so

I send enclosed certain references for ready reference on which I should like to discuss with you, before coming to a settlement As all of these are urgent I shall feel obliged for your kindly looking me in a moment whenever you find it convenient to do so

1. Letter No.2591 dated 28th September 1920 re Town Hall and Clock Tower Illuminations.
2. Letter No.2621 dated 30th September 1920 re Railway Station gate lights
3. Letter No 2479 dated 10th September 1920 re lights on gate pillars of Krangere Ookad

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No. 26

Office of the President,
City Municipal Council, Mysore
4th September 1920

From

Rajasabhabhushana, Diwan Bahadur,
C.Srikantesvara Aiyar, B A ,B L
President, City Municipal Council,
Mysore

To

R. Ramaswamaiya, Esquire , B A , B L ,
Secretary, to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department

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Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith enclosed copies of correspondence in the matter of charges for power supplied to the Mysore City lighting and of certain alleged dues to the Electric Department in connection with the Six Ornamental lights installed to the Flower beds of Hardinge Circle, which speak for themselves, being self contained and self explanatory.

2 I have heard absolutely nothing further on the subject, since my last letter dated 14th June 1920 to Mr Forbes And you are yourself aware, how at his and my personal request, a special committee has been appointed by Government to go into the whole of the subject, and how in pursuance thereof a meeting has been held and certain preliminary understanding come to thereat

3 The local Superintendent of Power & Light is not unaware of such circumstances, for he himself had told me that Mr Forbes had sent him a copy of my said letter of 14th June last When matters stand thus the

Copy forwarded to the Chief Electrical Engineer, with compliments, for favour of perusal (particularly my letters dated 9th and 14th June 1920 to Mr Forbes where the matter stops) and restoration of lights pending orders of Government on the whole subject

Sd. C Srikantesvara Aiyar,

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Copy of Memo No 8419 dated 6th September 20 from the Offg Chief Electrical Engineer

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The Superintendent,

Mysore Power & Light,

Mysore

Dear Sir,

We wish to confirm having telephoned to you to-day as below-

"Turn on current to Hardinge Circle Flower Bed lights, pending further instructions from this office."

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Copy forwarded with compliments, to the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, for favour of information with reference to his memo of the 4th instant

Sd S D Iyengar,

Offg Chief Electrical Engineer

1. Copy of Public Works Secretary's letter No.E.D.S.,197 dated 9th September 1919, to the Chief Electrical Engineer

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I am directed to return herewith the two marginally noted estimates, received with your letter No.1904 dated the 1st August 1919, duly sanctioned for the amounts noted against each.

1 Estimate for installing 47 ornamental lamp posts in Mysore City from the Market Square to the Railway Station- Rs 23,520.

2 Estimate for deviating the power and the telephone lines, running along the roads referred to in the first estimate Rs 12,300.

The amount required for expenditure on the first estimate may be appropriated from the sum of Rs 1,91,000 provided in the current year's budget for ' Unsanctioned works' in Mysore City.

The capital outlay and other charges, viz Rs 12,300 ( minus Rs 226-8-0, the outlay on deviating the power lines and the telephone lines near the Post Office) should be borne by the Municipality. Unless a clear understanding is arrived at in the matter, it may not be advisable to go ahead.

The question of royalty to be paid by the Municipal Council, Mysore City, for the lamps installed under the first estimate is under the consideration of Government.

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2. Copy of Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No.17 dated 10th January 1920, to the President, Municipal Council

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I would like to invite your reference to my E.O.No 29[illegible] of the 11th September 1919, and would request you to please le me know, what arrangements you have made for depositing the Funds, as the expenditure is outstanding from a long time, in the accounts of the Superintendent, Mysore Power & Lighting

I shall be glad to have a line in reply.

3. Copy of the President's reply dated 12th January 1920, to the Chief Electrical Engineer.

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Your letter of 10th instant re certain ornamental street lights. I am sorry your D.O. No.298 of 11th September 1919 does not seem to have reached me and shall be glad you kindly ordered a copy of it to be sent to me. Can it refer to Rs 6,000 which Mr. Iyengar has been asking me for ornamental lights on Albert Victor Road. With reference to this, I have had some difficulty to solve Till now the Municipality has never paid for installing any light but have been only paying lighting charges at Rs 16 and odd per light per year, which subsequently you have been asking at Rs 30 per lamp.

Both these subjects have been under the active consideration of the Municipal Council who have now been engaged in finding their ways and means and revising the taxes etc.

As soon as I receive copy of your letter of 11th September last, I shall address you again on the subject

I am really very sorry for the delay.

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4. Copy of Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No.3337 dated 1/4th June 1920 to the President, Municipal Council

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( 'Hardinge Circle' lights, Mysore.)

I have the honour to invite your reference to the Mysore Power & Light Superintendent's letter No.1279 of the 29th ultimo and request that you will be good enough to arrange payment of the amount due by the Municipality for the energy supplied to the lights in 'Hardinge Circle' by the 15th of this month, as otherwise, a reference will have to be made to the Government, and in the mean time the lights will be

cutt off.

A favour of immediate compliance will very much oblige.

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(Enclosure to the above ).

Copy of Superintendent's letter No.1279 dated 29th
y 1920. to the President, Municipal Council.

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HARDINGE CIRCLE LIGHTS.

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I have the honour to request you to kindly arrange to pay the sum of Rs 1,037-0-4 for energy supplied to six of 600 c.p lights in "Hardinge Circle" as already requested for in this Office No.796, 947 and 1186 of 5-4-20, 21-4-20 and 15-5-20 respectively, as the Comptroller is pressing for the immediate adjustment of the amount, without delay.

The matter may kindly be treated as very urgent and an immediate compliance will highly oblige.

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5. The President's letter No.1082 dated 9th June 1920, to the Chief Electrical Engineer.

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I have received your letter of 4th June to-day regard lighting charges in Hardinge Circle. As I have explained to you, it has been a physical impossibility to meet such heavy charges and so it was that I requested the Government to have the subject looked into for reconsideration I shall therefore feel obliged for your kindly having the demand deferred, till we have met.

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6. Copy of Chief Electrical Engineer's letter No 174 dated 8/9th June 1920. to the President, Municipal Council

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There is outstanding in our accounts against the Municipality amount to Rs. 22,222-12-9, and the Comptroller

is repeatedly and continuously taking credit objections and sending me reminders every week, insisting on the amount being adjusted, claiming that this Department has been paying for works carried out in anticipation of sanction and also for Contribution Works before collecting the cost thereof.

2. If you remember, I discussed this question with you to some considerable extent, about a year ago, and you agreed that we would carry out the works without requiring you to pay in advance the cost of such works, saving the Municipality the difference between the actual cost and the estimated cost thereof. I pointed out that we made our estimates liberal enough to be sure of covering all the costs and therefore, in every case there was a small amount left over, which we would in future, treat as Miscellaneous Revenue to the Department. The Municipality benefits by this arrangement between us in this way We prepare an estimate for the work executed by us and bill you for the actual expenditure, and therefore, you save any unexpended amount, but this arrangement was based on your agreeing to pay the amount as soon as the bill is sent for the work.

3. Had I had the slightest idea that there was going to be any difficulty, I would certainly not have entered into this arrangement with the Municipality, for the simple reason that, by being deferred payment, I am getting a reputation of executing works irregularly and without previous proper sanction and without afterwards collecting the amount actually expended from the revenues of this Department for the benefit of the Mysore Municipality.

4 We have strict regulations governing the collection of money due to the Electrical Department, and I have recently enforced these rules in connection with the street lighting at K.G F , in

Q1. I have been told along under the impression we are liable only to pay for power, and it is the rate for power i.e. more than Rs 16 per light, that has been under consideration.

Here something is claimed for works ? What is it and what is the arrears of Rs 28,500 for.

A1. Nothing of the kind.

(Id) C.E. 11-6-29

I am not aware of any such agreement He is apparently mixing up something

connection with the supply of power to Government Departments and in connection with the sale of materials to private parties, and the only exception remaining is the Mysore Municipality. I am forced to take action in the matter, and unless the whole amount, due by the Municipality for Contribution works executed by us and for arrears of revenue for power supplied is not paid, I will have to instruct the Superintendent, M.P.L., Mysore, to cut off the power supply to <u>all of the Municipality's lighting installations, including office and</u>

?? <u>street lights, within one week from this date</u>

5. I hate very much to take this action, but unless the amounts due to the Department are recovered within a reasonable length of time after the execution of the works, my own activities will be very considerably restricted and limited, as the Comptroller will then begin to insist on the exact letter of the rules and regulations governing the sanction of works. If I carry out a work in anticipation of sanction, the Comptroller does not take audit objection, if the bill is paid promptly. I have discussed this question with you good many times, and I feel that the Electrical Department

?? should not be the only one from whom you withhold payment, while all the other transactions are paid up promptly

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7 Copy of the President's reply dated 14th June 1920 to the Chief Electrical Engineer

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I received your D.O dated 9th June 1920 on the 11th apparently crossing mine to you of the same date regarding cost of Electric power supply to Hardinge Circle.

I have had all the bills for power supply pending in my Office looked into and find only a sum of Rs4 371-1-10 is outstanding which too is only for current power, excluding a sum of Rs1,037-9-4 for lights of the Hardinge inner circle about which I have requested you to defer action in my D.O above referred to. A Cheque for Rs4,371-1-10 has also since

been issued to the Superintendent, Power and Light, Mysore

As regards initial charges of several installations in the City, the first claim in this respect was made in P.W. Secretary's letter No.199 dated 5th September 1919 for a sum of Rs12,200 for deviating the power and telephone lines running along the roads from the Market Square to the Railway Station, and I protested against this payment in my D.O to you dated 12th January 1920, as such charges had never till then been asked for or paid by the Municipality I am afraid there has been some misapprehension somewhere on this subject I could not have told you that the Municipality would meet such charges as under Statutory Regulations, the Municipal Council itself has no power to sanction any work, without previous sanction of Government, but on the other hand I distinctly remember your telling me, when I spoke of our crippled resources personally, that the Electrical Department would bear all installation charges and that we were to pay only for the power Further it may perhaps be with in your recollection that it was only after certain claims had been preferred by your Department for such works, that I began to complain to you, first in my said D O letter dated 12th January 1920 and later on personally, and so it is unlikely that any works had been executed after our conversation which, as far as I could remember, solely related to the higher rate than Rs16 67 per street light which was being claimed and which I explained was physically impossible for the Municipality to bear under the unsatisfactory state of its finances, and I even showed you the details of our Budget However, as you have been demanding a higher rate of Rs30 per lamp for additional lights installed and threatening to cut off supply, the cost at this rate is being paid under protest, on the understanding that the excess amount claimed will be refunded after the whole question is decided, after the Specia Committee meeting and a reasonable rate fixed.

Thus, it will be seen that the Municipality is not

unreasonably withholding payment of the bills of only your Department as you put it. It may surprise you to know, the facts are all the other way. There is no Municipal Service which costs more than lighting (Rs 30,000) and there is no other Department that is more exacting I am sure you understand me, I make absolutely no complaint of it but merely mention it with reference to the concluding portion of your letter.

I shall feel thankful for your kindly furnishing details of the amount of Rs 28,519-13-7 said to be due from the Municipality

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8. Letter No.2352 dated 1st September 1920, from the Superintendent, Power and Light, Mysore to the President Municipal Council

Dues by the Municipality

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In appending herewith the extract of letter No.950 of the 19th ultimo to the address of the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore, regarding the payment of your dues, I have the honour to inform you, that service has been disconnected to the six ornamental lights in the flower bed of Hardinge Circle, until the question of prompt payment of the lighting charges to this installation is decided

> "The lighting charges of Rs 1,337-4-1 for six ornamental lamps in the Flower Bed of Hardinge Circle due right from the commencement of their installation having not been paid by them a sum of Rs 1,329-8-3 available with us to the credit of the Municipality has also been adjusted leaving a balance of Rs 7-11-10 to end of July 20 Until the question of prompt payment of dues on this installation is decided, I have disconnected the installation"

In this connection, I would request you to kindly

enlighten me when the charges incurred, as per sanction of Government, for the deviation works amounting to Rs 533-4-7 and Rs 11,756-2-7 carried out by this Department on your behalf, may be expected in this office

An early reply will highly oblige

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9. Letter No.194 dated 4th September 1920, from the Chief Officer City Municipal Office, Mysore, to the Superintendent, Power and Light, Mysore.

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With reference to your letter No 2352 dated 1st September 1920 to the President, stating that you have disconnected power to six ornamental lights in the flower-bed of Hardinge Circle, on account of certain alleged dues from the Municipality, I am directed to state that you will be doing so, on your own responsibility and risk as the Municipal Council have, as you are aware of, referrpd the subject to the Chief Electrical Engineer and the whole subject of lights in the City is pending decision of Government on the report to be submitted by Special Committee that have been sitting to consider the subject

2 I am also to add that a copy of this letter with a copy of your's under reply is submitted to Government, pointing out also how unceremoniously and suddenly without any the least notice of intended stoppage, you have chosen to deal with the City.

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N° 2360/CP 9 n/6/21

Dear Sir,

The President of the Mysore City Municipality has submitted to Govt a copy of h letter No 1058 dated the 1/6th June 1921 to you and pointed out the inconvenience that would ensue if the Electrical Dept 's notic that street lights will be cut off from the 15th instant if outstanding bills are not paid. From the President's letter it would appear that there some items in the Electri Dept 's claims which the Municipality disputes. These will have to be decided after due examination. In the meantime I am ~~therefore~~ desired to request that ~~any~~ no action on the lines contem plated in your letters Nos 2993 dated 27th May and ~~No. 1066~~ 3166 dated 6/7th June 1921 respectively ~~may not~~ be taken in respect of the Mysore City Municipality, and all possibility of marring the festivities connected with H H's Birthday may be avoided. The President requisitions in respect of illuminations to the Clock Tower and the Town Hall in connec tion with these festivities may also be co plied with without insisting on a deposit the estimated amount being made as the Munici pality contends that some amounts are due it from the Electrical Dept

In any case I am to point out that i the case of a public service, like the Muni cipal street lighting, would be quite inap propriate and cannot be approved by Govt As the funds of the Municipalities are ject to the control of Govt and if Muni cipality fails to pay up its dues, the

have power ~~is competent~~ to take suitable action on the matter being reported to them

An acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter is requested

Yours sincerely,

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To S 1 2nd by Eng
~~The~~ Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore

Copy forwarded with compliments to the President Mysore City Municipality for information 2361/CB 8/12 6/21

Copy to Secy PWD 2361/CB 8/12 6/21,

B O No 2360/CB

Indian Guests' Quarters,
Camp, Mysore, dated 12th June 1921

Dear Sir,

The President of the Mysore City Municipality has submitted to Government a copy of his letter No 1058 dated 1/6th June 1921 to you and pointed out the inconvenience that would ensue if the Electrical Department's notice that street lights will be cut off from the 15th instant if outstanding bills are not paid, should be enforced From the President's letter - it would appear that there are some items in the Electrical Department's claims which the Municipality disputes This point will have to be decided after due examination In the meantime, I am desired to request that no action on the lines contemplated in your letters Nos 2993 dated the 27th May and 3166 dated 6/7th June 1921 respectively, be taken in respect of the Mysore City Municipality, and all possibility of marring the festivities connected with His Highness' Birthday - may be avoided The President's requisitions in respect of illuminations to the Clock Tower and the Town Hall in connection with these festivities may also be complied with without insisting on a deposit of the estimated amount being made as the Municipality contends that some amounts are due to it - from the Electrical Department

In any case, I am to point out that in the case of a public service like Municipal street lighting, cutting off the current would be quite inappropriate and cannot be approved by Government As the funds of the Municipalities are - subject to the control of Government, if any Municipality fails to pay up its dues, the Government have power to take suitable action on the matter being reported to them

An acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter is requested

Yours sincerely

S.G.Forbes, Es , B Sc.. etc ,
Assistant Mysore

8 K Mathan Esq. Dec 1921

Chief Secretary Indian Guest quarters Mysore

The Superintendent M & L has referred me your letter regarding the street illumination in Mysore and in reply I would say that the President of the Municipality is unduly excited over the matter ~~Mays~~ My instructions to the Superintendent did not in any way endanger the city illumination during the Birthday Festivities or any of the works in connection with special lighting for His Highness's Birthday. So far as the Electrical Department is concerned, the Mysore Municipality is on the same basis as all other consumers of Electric power and as such the Comptroller takes exception to the long outstanding arrears as it is felt that the Municipality takes advantage of the fact that Mysore City is His Highness's Capital to defer payments for power consumed and for the work done for them by the Electrical Department I will be in Mysore tomorrow and will again go into the question with the President But in any case I would under no circumstances permit of any interruption to the lighting service or work during the Birthday festivities

(Sd) S G Forbes

Srirangapatnam

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To

The President,
Mysore City Municipal Council,

Sir,

STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM

I have the honour to state, for favour of your information, that bills for the supply of power and for street lighting must be paid by the 15th of the month in which bills are sent to you or otherwise the installations and lights will be treated the same as private consumers

It is therefore requested that needful instructions to your staff be issued that payments for bills received in your office for power and lighting are arranged by the above date

I have etc ,

Sd/ S G Forbes

Chief Electrical Engineer

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'C O Y'

Letter No 1461 dated the 8th June 1921 from the Chief Electrical Engineer to the President, Mysore City Municipality

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Town Hall and Clock-Tower illuminations

With reference to your No 1054 of the 1st instant I have the honour to state that it is not possible to avoid incurring expenditure on renewals etc every year

The installation is exposed to weather So many lamps get burnt out each time the illumination is put into service and the lamp holders etc get damaged

Under these circumstances, it becomes quite necessary to renew lamps and overhaul twice every year

I wish to mention to you that renewals are made twice a year for the Palace exterior illumination and Fort Gates and it costs the Authority nearly Rs 5000 to Rs 6000 each time

The cost of overhauling the illuminations of Clock Tower and Rangacharlu Memorial Hall during the ensuing Birthday Festivities amounts to Rs 554 and the same may kindly be arranged to be paid immediately

The estimate for this work has been submitted to the Chief Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore Bangalore, for favour of countersignature and forwardal to you

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SUBJECT ..

Diary No. of letter replied to 9184

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 26.10.24

Signed by Dr. A. C. Subbaraya[illegible]

Section

File No. 241-20

Serial No 3

24.28

To

The Chairman, Madras

Port Trust Board

With reference to
[illegible] your letter No
35 dated the 10th June 1921
in regard to the adjustment of
certain claims of the Elect.
Department, I am directed
to forward herewith copy
of a note by the Comptroller
together with an extract
from his letter of 15-9-2.

over

from the Chief Electrical
Engineer to the Secretary
of the Comptroller in
the matter
of the request for
information furnished
by the Electrical Dept
I am to request that
I am to enquire whether
you have any further objections
to the charges referred
to may be accepted
by the Trust Board.
and Arrangements
made for their very
early adjustment
a statement of the account taken
as under duly certified
by the Auditor

Yours obt.

for Rec'd

List of enclosures.

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The Chairman Mysore City

Improvement Trust Board

Sir,

With reference to your letter - No.55 dated the 10th June 1921 in regard to the adjustment of certain claims of the Electric Department I am directed - to forward herewith copy of a note by - the Comptroller together with an extract from a letter dated 10th September 1921 from the Chief Electrical Engineer to, the address of the Comptroller in the matter

2 In view of the information now furnished by the Electrical Department, I am to request that ~~if you have no objection~~ the charges referred to may be accepted by the Trust Board and arrangements made for their very early adjustment

3 A report of the action taken may be submitted very early

Last of enclosures

I have etc.,

17.10.21

for Secy Secretary to Govt

8/10/21

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